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Sir:

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the method of the subject invention does not make use of the 'active' site of a given target protein, it is able to achieve a level of specificity for a drug molecule previously considered extremely difficult and uncertain using conventional drug discovery efforts. This advantage stems from the constraints placed on existing drug discovery efforts that are based on the need to inhibit an enzyme or receptor binding site that is common to a series of different proteins in different tissues and with very different roles in the physiology of the organism.

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